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Dear Mr. Lardner,

From the moment I read your excellent piece in this morning's Post it has not been possible for me to get it out of mind or to return to my own work for which, a bit older than your father and in seriously impaired health, I do not have the time I'd like.

I'd forgotten that I had written your father and I do not find a copy of the letter I wrote him. I write you on the chance that you or other children or grandchildren of some of those wonderful (all but one!) Ten might be interested.

I knew Marty Popper well. Drove him around in Washington, bent elbows with him, and to the best of my knowledge Dmytryk's coming to me and his in effect robbing me was not known to Marty.

I am aware of the decision to use the first rather than the first and fifth or the fifth amendment alone. What some of the Ten probably did not know is that there was also a plan to fight the UnAmericans and with the attention the Ten could have gotten then perhaps it might have made a differencd.

It was to prepare for that fight that Dmytryk came to see me, brought by a man who had been an investigator for the Senate Civil Liberties Committee of which I had been both an investigator its editor.

What they left with is unprecedented in our history and because of what I was able to do to get that information steps were taken to ee to it that nobody else could ever do such a thing.What I had on the UnAmericans was beyond belief. it included every cent they'd spent and how they's spent it and a full set of bound clippings for all the major publixations of the day.

They came after me well before they went for the Ten. They tried to frame me. I did fight back and I succeeded in taking the grand jury away from the United States attorney. I got the pig the UnAmerican's used to frame me convicted , rather charged with two felonies. Dies copped a plea for him and he confessed but served no time.

There is more to it that this if there is any interest but it is not safe for me to travel and I've not driven out of Frederick since 1977. But if anyone is doing what I hope one is, trying to make a full record for our histiry, I'll help all I can. There really should be at least oral history. Thanks for a fine piece and the best, with respect, for your mother and father, sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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